

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJ: CONTACTS BETWEEN UNIT COMMANDERS

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AE SAIGON FROM AC CAN THO JUNE 25  
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE:

CAN THO 0498

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SUBJ CONTACTS BETWEEN UNIT COMMANDERS

1. A RELIABLE AND WELL PLACED MEMBER OF THE CHAU DOC SECTOR  
STAFF INFORMED THE VICE CONSUL THAT COL HOANG DUC NINH,  
COMMANDER OF THE 44 TH SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE, RECENTLY  
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RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE " LOCAL NVA COMMANDER". THE  
NVA OFFICER PLEDGED THE NVA WILL STRICTLY OBSERVE THE NEW  
CEASEFIRE ON CONDITION ARVN DOES THE SAME.

2. THE CHAU DOC SECTOR OFFICER DID NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHEN  
OR HOW THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED NOR DID HE KNOW WHAT IF ANY  
REPLY NINH SENT. HE ALSO DID NOT SPECIFY THE RANK OR  
COMMAND OF THE NVA OFFICER. HE DID SAY THE INFORMATION WAS  
MOST CLOSELY HELD; ONLY ONE OR TWO OFFICERS IN CHAU DOC  
KNOW OF THE LETTER.

3. HARDLY AN INCIDENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE HAS OCCURED  
IN THE 44 TH STZ AREA OF OPERATIONS SINCE CEASEFIRE II. WE  
UNDERSTAND ON ONE OCCASION IN THE TRI TON AREA ARVN PROBING  
FIRE AGAINST 101- D REGIMENTAL POSITIONS WENT UNANSWERED. WE  
HAVE NO OTHER REPORTS OF SIMILARLY HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN  
MR IV. THE MR IV CHIEF OF STAFF, BGEN HUYNH VAN LAC, CONFIRMED  
JUNE 25 THAT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SINCE CF II VC/ NVA HAVE  
ATTEMPTED VERY LOW LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN GUERILLA FORCES AND  
RF / PF UNITS. ONE SUCH ATTEMPT, ACCORDING TO OUR CHAU DOC VICE  
CONSUL, OCCURRED IN BA CHUC VILLAGE, TINH BIEN DISTRICT, WHERE THE  
VC/ NVA CONTACTED AN RF BATTALION COMMANDER. THE LATTER REPORTED  
THE CONTACT TO THE CHAU DOC PROVINCE CHIEF, WHO STOOD ON CURRENT  
INSTRUCTIONS THAT ONLY MR 4 CAN AUTHORIZE SUCH CONTACTS.  
WISNER  
UNQUOTE.  
WHITEHOUSE

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